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REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the specification as indicated above. Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15-21, and 23-26 remain in the application. No new matter has been added. Entry of these amendments, and re-consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

II. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Upon review of several cases in light of upcoming rule changes at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants attorneys noted that several cases may be related to the present application. In order to comply with the new rules and with other requirements, such cases have been identified without incorporating the related cases by reference. Hence, no new matter has been added. The Examiner is encouraged to review these cases for related art, and actions although Applicant believes that all art and publications material to patentability to the present application has been cited during prosecution of this application.

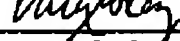
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III. CONCLUSION

It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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